the same day. In addition to the above, the 24 hours emergency services of Psychiatric patients is available.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Upgradation of facilities within available resources is a continuous process. Moreover, the Institute has its own house survey and inspection system to monitor the performance of various areas of the hospital and their efficiency.

Illegal private nursing homes

37. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Crackdown on illegal nursing homes", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 28th August, 2002 regarding the illegal private nursing homes mushrooming in the capital;

(b) if so, the number of nursing homes found short of the norms laid down; and

(c) the kind of remedial action taken against them and whether any fresh norms have been laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Ban on gutkha products

38. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) the role his Ministry has played in retaining the ban on gutkha in the States with the ban on gutkha products being imposed in many States;